



PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 7552.0031

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Francesco PAOLINI et al.) Group Art Unit: 3762
Application No.: 10/500,324) Examiner: Philip R. Wiest
Filed: June 28, 2004)
For: CONTROL EQUIPMENT AND) Confirmation No.: 8942
METHOD FOR AN)
EXTRACORPOREAL BLOOD)
CIRCUIT)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action mailed September 27, 2006, the period for response extending to December 27, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Reply.

Amendments to the Drawings are included in the attached replacement drawing sheets. The amendments are discussed on page 8 of this Reply.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.

Attachments to this Reply include:

Replacement Sheets [1/2, 2/2; Figs. 1 and 2]